

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the many people who volunteer their time, passion, energy, and talent make the City of Burlington a great place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Burlington is a time for us to reflect on the important role that community members and professionals play in making Burlington a nationally recognized City, renowned for its economic vitality, quality of life, sustainability, and vibrant arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Herb Bloomenthal Award for Community Activism is presented to a community leader for his or her tenacity and commitment to improving Burlington's neighborhoods and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is proud to honor Sandra L. Baird with the 2015 Herb Bloomenthal Award for her service to the people of Burlington in her countless volunteer and professional roles, including her pro bono legal work, Caroline Fund initiative to assist local women in emergency situations, free speech advocacy on the Burlington Telecom Advisory Board, and general community leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Peter Clavelle Award highlights a professional working to advance the goals of the Burlington Legacy Action Plan, Burlington's vision for 2030 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is proud to honor Don Wright with the 2015 Peter Clavelle Award for his work to foster theater and the arts among the children and youth in our community, and as a means to empower our City's youngest residents and advance Burlington's efforts toward being a more sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Arts Award aims to reward the pinnacle of arts leadership in Burlington by shining a light on the City's most inspiring artists who've had a positive influence on the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is proud to honor Bonnie Acker with the 2015 Community Arts Award for her distinguished leadership in making art available and accessible to all through her work in the public schools and in numerous other public venues; and

WHEREAS, the Ken Schatz Award honors those who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to restorative justice, community-based responses to crime and conflict, and preventing recidivism in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is proud to honor Richard Kemp with the 2015 Ken Schatz Award for his dedicated leadership and service as a founding member of the Community Justice Center, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and volunteer with the Restorative Justice and Offender Reentry programs;

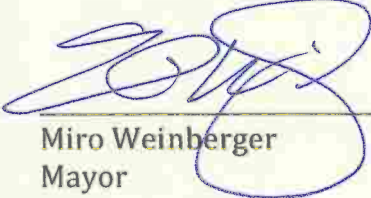
NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim that on September 8, 2015, the City wishes to extend heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to the following honored and valued members of the Burlington community:

Sandra L. Baird, HERB BLOOMENTHAL AWARD FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

Don Wright, PETER CLAVELLE LEGACY AWARD

Bonnie Acker, COMMUNITY ARTS AWARD

Richard Kemp, KEN SCHATZ AWARD FOR COMMUNITY JUSTICE


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

